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WILLIAMS HOUSE - Before 1877 - 11026 Philadelphia Road, White Marsh. Spacious late Victorian double house laid out in an L-shape. Faces into side yard. Plain design. Yellow composition shingles. Gable roofed. Various cross gables. Poorly maintained externally just outside study area. Possibly the Samuel Pinkerton house shown in 1877 atlas plate of District 11. That house was just south of the now-extinct Star Tavern of the intersection of Joppa Road and Route 7. Apparently E. Finnake's property in 1915 (Tax Map 72, P129) (Deeds 1044:357)

CAPSULE SUMMARY
BA-2447
Williams House
11026 Philadelphia Road
White Marsh, Baltimore County
Circa 1860
Private

The Williams House, constructed circa 1860 at 11026 Philadelphia Road, is well representative of the many vernacular dwellings built throughout the area of Baltimore County on the east side of the City of Baltimore. The house dates to a mid-19th century period of modest growth along this stretch of Philadelphia Road and stands as an example of the type of domestic building constructed throughout the United States in the mid-1800s.

Constructed circa 1860 along Philadelphia Road south of its intersection with Joppa Road, the Williams House, which is clad in asbestos shingles, is a wood frame dwelling that sits on a solid random rubble stone foundation. Two interior end brick chimneys rise from the gabled roof. The building has a T-shaped footprint, resulting in the presence of two facades. The primary façade is five bays wide and fronts southeast along Philadelphia Road. It features a central sash-and-paneled single-leaf wood door and five 1/1 windows. The small intersecting central front gable of the façade is pierced by one round-arched 2/2 window. All façade openings have square-edged wood surrounds and sills. A one-bay-square gabled portico supported by square wood posts shelters the entry. The side gable roof, clad in asphalt shingles, features a molded wood cornice with gable end returns.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Williams House

2. Location

street and number 11026 Philadelphia Road not for publication

city, town White Marsh vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name William James Williams III and Barbara Anne Williams

street and number 11026 Philadelphia Road telephone Not Available

city, town White Marsh state MD zip code 21162

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 11313 folio 404

city, town Towson tax map 72 tax parcel 129 tax ID number 1123051250

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources
previously listed in the Inventory

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7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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Fronting southwest along a side road that intersects with Philadelphia Road is the secondary façade, which is three bays wide with a central paneled single-leaf wood door and five 1/1 windows. Like the primary façade, an intersecting central gable that is pierced by one round-arched 2/2 window also marks this elevation. All openings on this elevation have square-edged wood surrounds and sills. The first story openings on this elevation are sheltered by a three-bay-wide porch with a half-hipped roof supported by square wood posts with a solid asbestos shingle-clad balustrade. A circa 1960 one-story, shed-roofed addition extends from the northwest elevation of this portion of the building.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates circa 1860-present **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates circa 1860, circa 1960

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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Prior to the organization of state authorized turnpike commissions, several county-organized turnpikes and postal roads existed in various parts of the county.¹ The Baltimore and Havre de Grace Turnpike Company was organized in 1814, when several organizers, including men from Baltimore and Havre de Grace agreed to sell capital stock for a total of \$60,000. The charter even included provisions for the permission of the state government to purchase the road after fairly compensating the turnpike company for it.² By 1850, this road was known as the Philadelphia Turnpike. Upon the road's release by the turnpike company, it was finally renamed Philadelphia Road.

By 1850, the area of Philadelphia Road between its current intersections with Cowenton Avenue and Joppa Road was only sparsely developed. In the mid-19th century, this area was still marked by extensive agricultural lands that were traversed by the turnpike.³ It was at this point that the Williams House was constructed near the intersection of Philadelphia Road and Joppa Road. By 1877, Cowenton Avenue was still an unimproved road, and this stretch of Philadelphia Road was still largely agrarian, although a few more dwelling had been constructed since 1850. Family names common throughout this area included Pinkerton, Smith, and Canoles.⁴ Since 1915, several more dwellings were constructed along Philadelphia Road between Joppa and Cowenton.⁵ Nevertheless, this area has retained its rural character through the late 1900s. The late 20th century construction

¹ William Hollifield, *Difficulties Made Easy: History of the Turnpikes of Baltimore City and County* (Cockeysville, MD: Baltimore County Historical Society, 1978), p. 2.

² Hollifield, p. 81.

³ J.C. Sidney, *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys* (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850).

⁴ *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877).

⁵ *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915).

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of Interstate 95 nearly parallel with Philadelphia Road has alleviated congestion from through-traffic along the surface road and enabled the community to maintain its character.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .10 Acre

Acreage of historical setting Unknown

Quadrangle name White Marsh

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction circa 1860, the Williams House has been associated with the 40.75 acres known as tax parcel 129 of map 72, located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

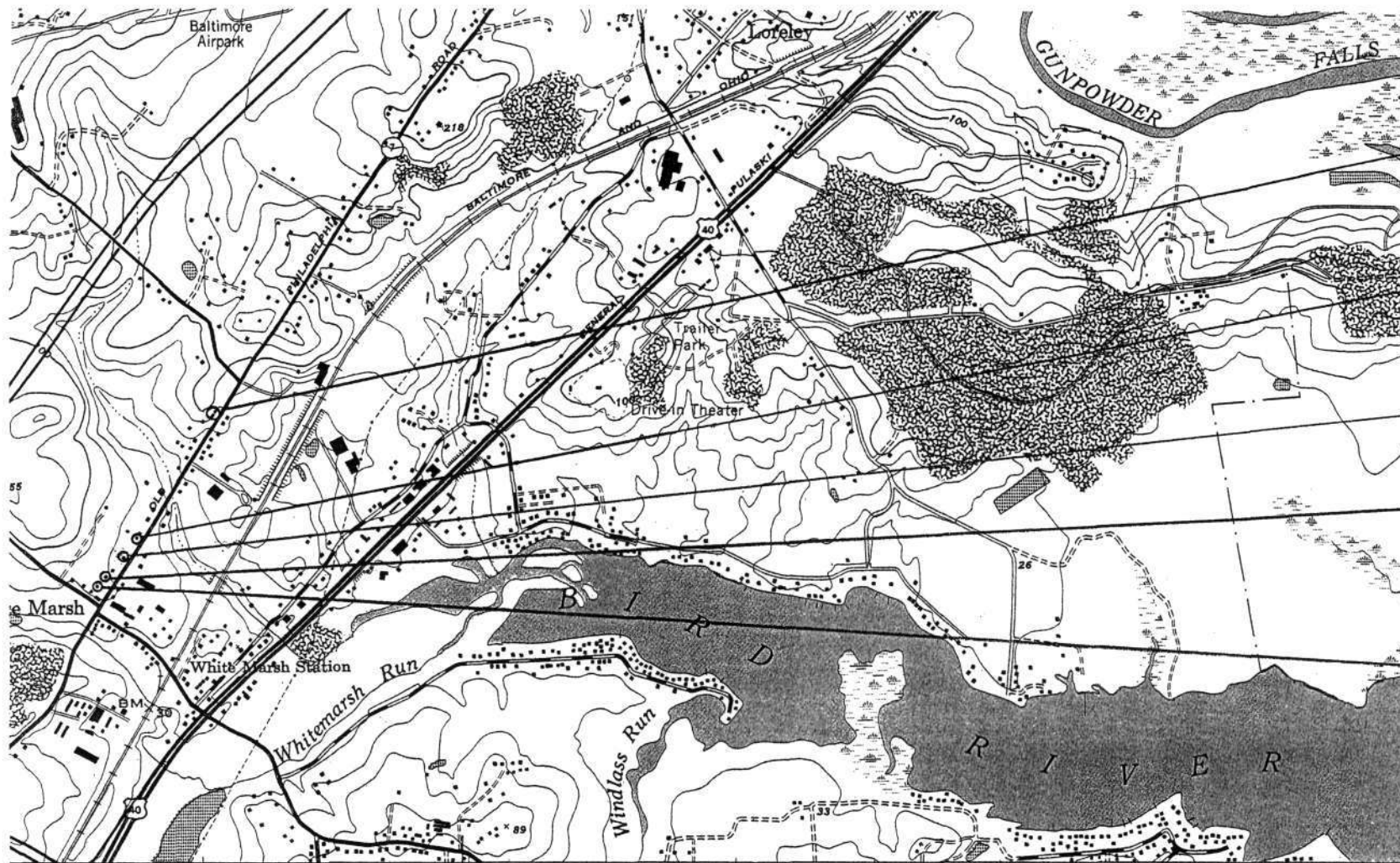
11. Form Prepared by

name/title	A. McDonald and A. Didden, Architectural Historians		
organization	EHT Traceries, Incorporated	date	May 2, 2001
street & number	1121 5th Street NW	telephone	202.393.1199
city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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11026 PHILADELPHIA RD
WHITE MARSH
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-0257
10848 PHILADELPHIA R.
WHITE MARSH
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2446
10836 PHILADELPHIA RD
WHITE MARSH
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2444
10822 PHILADELPHIA R.
WHITE MARSH
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2443
10816 PHILADELPHIA R.
WHITE MARSH
BALTIMORE COUNTY

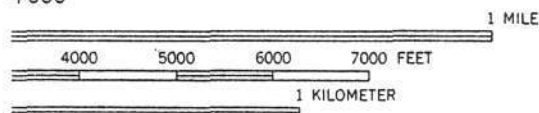
POPLAR 2 MI.
BALTIMORE 12 MI.

CHASE 3 MI.
HAREWOOD 4.4 MI.

1379000m.E.

INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA—1987

39° 22' 30"
76° 22' 30"



AL 20 FEET
CAL DATUM OF 1929



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

Revisions shown in purple and woodland compiled by the
Geological Survey from aerial photographs taken 1982 and
other sources. This information not field checked
Map edited 1986

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty Light-duty
Medium-duty Unimproved dirt
○ Interstate Route ○ U. S. Route ○ State Route

WHITE MARSH, MD.
39076-D4-TF-024

1949
PHOTOREVISED 1986
DMA 5762 IV NW—SERIES V833

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SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
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TRACERIES

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W CORNER

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TRACEDIES

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NW ELEVATION

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TRAILER LIES

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